GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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STD/ ISD/ INTERNET/ FAX FACILITIES IN GRAM PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Gram Panchayats in West Bengal, Sikkim and North Eastern States where STD/ISD/Internet/Fax facilities have been provided during 2004-05 and proposed to be provided during the year 2005-2006; and

(b) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The details are as stated below:

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Gram Panchayats where STD/ISD facility is provided during 2004-05	
		STD	ISD
1	Assam	Nil	Nil
2	Arunachal Pradesh	16	Nil
3	Manipur	10	Nil
4	Meghalaya	Nil	Nil
5	Mizoram	Nil	Nil
6	Nagaland	10	Nil
7	Sikkim	Nil	Nil
8	Tripura	Nil	Nil
9	West Bengal	249	Nil

STD/ISD facilities are provided on request from custodians of Gram Panchayat Telephones. For Internet, the custodian has to put his own equipment and can obtain internet connection from Internet Service provider. Similarly for Fax also the custodian has to provide his own personal computer/Fax equipment as the case may be. Thus Internet/Fax facility can be availed by the custodian by making own arrangements.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.